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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE ABRASIMOV

REF: PARIS 8856

1. MFA OFFICIAL ( FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF USA DIVISION) HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT ABRASIMOV' S NEW JOB WILL BE IN CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPARATUS ( REFTEL). WE ASKED IF THAT MEANT HE WOULD BE REPLACING PONOMAREV AS HEAD INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF CC AND FEDOSEYEV SAID NO, HE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT REPLACE PONOMAREV. WE GOT IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT FEDOSEYEV WAS CONFUSING PONOMAREV' S POSITION AS CC SECRETARY AND CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER WITH LOWER- RANKING POSITION HE APPARENTLY STILL NOMINALLY HOLDS AS CHIEF INTERNATIONAL SECTION, AND THAT ABRASIMOV' S POSITION WOULD IN FACT BE IN THAT SECTION AS CHIEF OR FIRST DEPUTY. ( FRG AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN TOLD BY " RELIABLE SOURCE" THAT HE WILL BE CHIEF OF THAT SECTION.) FEDOSEYEV SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT ABRASIMOV WOULD GO INTO BREZHNEV' S SECRETARIAT.

2. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SQUARE A JOB AS HEAD OF CC SECTION WITH ABRASIMOV' S EXPECTATION THAT HIS JOB WILL TAKE HIM TO U. S. ( REFTEL). ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT HE EXPECTS THE NATURE OF THE WORK OF THE CC INTERNATIONAL SECTION TO  
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CHANGE. WE ATTEMPTED PURSUE THIS LINE OF THOUGHT WITH FEDOSEYEV.  
NOTING PREVIOUS GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN ABRASIMOV AND U. S.  
AMBASSADORS TO FRG AND FRANCE, WE MADE LEADING COMMENTS TO  
EFFECT THAT CONTACT MIGHT UNFORTUNATELY BE LOST SINCE EMBASSY  
HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD WORKING CONTACTS WITH CC APPARATUS.  
FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE CASE AND  
IMPLIED THAT EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH CC INTERNATIONAL  
SECTION ARE NOT OUT OF QUESTION IN FUTURE.  
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